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9 AMENDMENT

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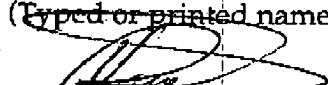
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39 In response to the recent Office action, please amend the above
40 referenced application as follows.

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1 **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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3 The Examiner has objected the abstract of the disclosure because it
4 contains the term "means". Applicant has amended the abstract of the
5 disclosure obviate the Examiner's objections.

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7 The Examiner has objected the specifications because the trademarks
8 "Velcro" and "Ziploc" mentioned in page 6 should appear in all capital
9 letters. Applicant has amended the specifications (page 6) to obviate the
10 Examiner's objections.

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12 The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112,
13 second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out
14 and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the
15 invention. Also, the Examiner stated that claims 3 through 6 would be
16 allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112,
17 second paragraph. Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestion to
18 overcome the informalities of the claims by incorporating claim 2 into
19 claim 1 and claim 3 now depends on claim 1.

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21 The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as
22 being anticipated by Chang. Alternatively, the Examiner has rejected
23 claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Japanese '216.
24 Alternatively, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C.
25 102(a) as being anticipated by Japanese '227. Applicant's proposed
26 amendments obviate the Examiner's rejections.

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